The game also featured the

has lost a season opener as well

as not starting the year out at

er quarterback Tim Bailey con-

nect with receiver Tim Marion

in the endzone for the season's

and three interceptions.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE



09.06.08 Mount Union College 1:30 p.m.

L 33-3



vs. Buffalo State

W 20-7



@ University of Rochester



vs. Ithaca College





vs. Salisbury University



Norwich University



vs. Springfield College



1:30 p.m.



11.15.08 Alfred University 1 p.m.

2008 Season Preview

MIKE SPIER

John Fisher football team his leg against Mount Union. a solid D-Line, it could make needs to keep focusing on the road ahead as they have one of the toughest schedules in the country. Their next goal is to win the Empire 8 Conference for the third consecutive year. This is the team they hope to combined for more than 1,600 uation. It lost

OFFENSE:

Quarterback:

Amidst a quarterback controversy at the beginning of the season, sophomore Tim Bailey earned the starting job over seniors Kevin Eick and Tommy Hammel primarily because of Morrisville in a pre-season exhibition as well as a solid fall Musall, will solidify the mid-

His biggest challenge will Lowney and P.J. Columbo be trying to replace graduated Rob Kramer, who amassed 50 touchdowns the last two sea-

Another key player to watch Leak-Tim Tebow running quarterback substitution style.

Running back: It will be hard to match the production of the James Reile/Ryan Hanson duo that combined for more than 2000 yards and 23 TDs last season

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The driving force behind Fisher's said.

but junior Brad Carlton will **Linebackers:** While losing their season from last season and will have tacklers in Josh Gottlieb (105) opener for the first time since sophomore Luke Herrington and Derek Melnyk (75). If they 2001 to Mount Union was a as a key backup after Miami of match their production from hard pill to swallow, the St. Ohio transfer Scott Biehl broke last year and combine it with

Wide Receiver:

This may be the Cardinals greatest offensive strength as they return seniors Jimmy ondary suffered the Smith and Tim Marion who most through gradyards and 20 touchdowns.

Offensive Line:

At O-line the Cardinals lost Stepnick three of five offensive starters as well as including All-American Bren- Micah Norton and nan Fortune, Corey Hogan and Scott Miranto. Luck-

Pete Soehner will take over at replacements have left tackle for Fortune while re- all had starting exturning starter Andrew Cottet perience and allowed a good performance against will anchor the right side. The just 11 yards passother returner, guard Ben ing to Buffalo State dle of the line along with Matt mts07751@sjfc.edu

DEFENSE:

Defensive Line:

The D-Line that did not alwill be Robbie Brown, a trans- low a single rusher to go over fer from Cornell, who will 100 yards through the first compliment Bailey in a Chris 12 games last season returns three primary starters. Dan Pollock, who had an Empire 8 best nine sacks last season returns as well as Matt Becton and Sean Trapper.

Sophomore Byron Rhone will also play after Tyler Wood was injured versus Mount Union.

be dealt the task this season. The linebacker corps will Carlton came in with 134 yards bring back last season's top two for a formidable run defense.

> The Cardinals' sec-All-Ameri-

ter his daughter Teddi was diagnosed shares with Camp Good Days.

Senior receivers help Bailey through transition

CHRIS POTTER

Don't think so? See

if this job description sounds enticing: The

essence, a hyper-fast, ultra-physical version of chess.

following the act

as the Cardinals quarterbacks coach, ranks in the top 10 in four career passing categories.

"Changing from one quarterchallenging process," senior couple school records. wide receiver Jimmy Smith said. "Luckily we had all of

Fisher assistant coach Gary Mervis. the idea his full support and is very paper every Sunday morning and let "One of the young men from Camp

Mervis founded Camp Good Days af-grateful for the connection his team him know how we did. If we didn't do Good Days (Taylor) passed away and

dren with cancer a chance to have the the things that we have. To see those we were behind 10-0 at halftime and I After nineteen years coaching at

Dance for Love Committee," Mervis team and school that cannot be mea- hardships the disease brought. In fact, Teddi and know how special she was,

spring ball and preseason to work with [Bailey], so I'd sav it hasn't been bad at all."

While Bailey's considerable talent has much Playing quarterback is to do with this, it doesn't hurt to have two of the best wide receivers in the Empire 8 Conference at his disposal. Smith led the Cardinals with 54 catches last season, good for 855 yards and 13 touchdowns, while fellow senior Tim Marion wasn't far behind, snagging 52 catches.

"It's great having two senior wide receivers like Timmy and Jimmy," Bailey said. "It takes a lot of pressure off of me because I know I just have to get them the ball and they will be able to make a play."

Smith and Marion have quickly adapted to the distinctive style of their sophomore quarterback, one that features a howitzer of an arm and a penchant for improvisation.

"He can throw a forty yard post on a line," Marion said. "He also has the ability to scramble to make broken plays into big plays. I think his ability to make plays happen when nothing was there is what made him stand out."

Of course, performing on the practice field and producing in live action are two different matters, and there are sure to be ups and downs Welcome to the in any young QB's maturation process. Bailey world of sophomore tossed for 231 yards in Fisher's season opener, quarterback Tim but was also picked off three times in the 33-3 Bailey, who has the loss to No. 1 Mount Union.

"Mount was a tough game for him and he had his head down a couple times when he made of Rob Kramer, mistakes," Smith said. "So I went over and one of the most talked to him, making sure that he remembered successful that this is the game he loves and not to worry about the past anymore."

Bailey is far from the first or the last QB to be humbled by Mount Union's defense. Both Smith and Marion, no strangers to great QB play, see big things for Bailey down the road.

"This season you will be able to see him grow into his own shoes a little more every game,"

"The sky is the limit for this kid," Smith addback to another is always a ed. "I wouldn't be surprised at all if he broke a

so well or he was concerned then he was buried with one of our jerseys.

Then I said which one of you guys want erything the school has been able to do

Fisher would go on to win the game in my heart. I love this school and I

by a score of 34-10. Taylor passed away love its students," said Mervis. "In the

one of his most prized possessions was but she is still a part of their lives."

drive that gave Fisher some breathing room. The fourth quarter saw Fish-



Bengals.











QB Robbie

Brown

7 rushes 52 yards 1 TD

1-for-1 passing 1 yard



OFFENSIVE LINEUP



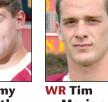
Bailey

















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and Fisher have once again joined forcbeen denied to them.

pledge a specific dollar amount for ev- Fisher student and football player.

ery touchdown scored by the Cardinals "It (Touchdowns for Kids) really ticipate in.



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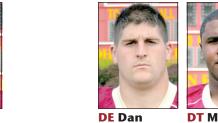
or Kids. The new program has people—for Kids actually came from a former—Kids will go straight to the programs





long-term relationship with Camp After that the plan was put into mo- "One of the boys named Stephen Tay- a Fisher Jersey presented to him dur-

Good Days and the new fundraiser is tion. Head coach Paul Vosburgh gave lor would have his mother go get the ing the Courage Bowl.



Pollock

Camp Good Days makes Cardinals' touchdowns worth more than just six points

This year the St. John Fisher men's with a malignant brain tumor in 1979. "It means a lot to our program. A would send me an email," Mervis said. Something like that means a lot to our football team is playing for more than The camp was designed to give chil- lot of times we are not appreciative of "Two years ago when we beat Ithaca, players and coaches," Vosburgh said.

Camp Good Days and Special Times summer camping experience that had young kids with smiles on their faces read the email I had gotten from Steve. Fisher Mervis is still grateful for ev-

that the kids who visit the camp par-

this year. Interested potential donors started with Pete Montemurno. He But not only does all the money the next year. However, the experienc- book about Teddi it says 'Immortality can find pledge forms at campgood- was a student at Fisher who played raised go directly to the Camp, the chil- es he shared with the team gave him is being loved by anonymous people

days.org or they can contact them for football and volunteered for the Teddi dren also form a special bond with the some relief and happiness amidst the Nobody here ever had a chance to meet

is great," Vosburgh said.

sured in dollars and cents.

es in a fundraiser named Touchdowns The original idea for Touchdowns The money raised by Touchdowns for call him after the game to tell him we for Camp Good Days.



Becton









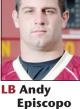








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DEFENSIVE LINEUP









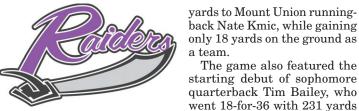
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MOUNT UNION yards to Mount Union runningback Nate Kmic, while gaining



SEASON

RECAP

The Cardinals opened up the Fisher was able to get on the season with a 33-3 loss to the scoreboard in the third quarter nation's No. 1 ranked team, the on a Chris Pierri 27-yard field Mount Union Purple Raiders. The game marked the third The game marked the first time in 15 games that Fisher time since 2001 that Fisher

played the nine-time Division III national champions. The Cardinals gave up 231

BUFFALO STATE

least 3-0.



Fisher earned their first vic-

tory of the season with a 20-7

win against the Buffalo State

The Cardinals took a 3-0 lead

into halftime before scoring

a touchdown on a seven play,

64-yard second half opening

first touchdown pass. A Chris Pierri field goal gave the Cardinals a 20-0 lead. The Cardinals were led on offense by Bailey, who threw for

264 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, Fisher held the visiting Bengals to 212 yards in total yards, including 11 pass-

ing yards The win put Fisher at 1-1 for the year heading into Courage Bowl IV against cross-town rival, the University of Rochester Yellow jackets. Fisher has won each of the last three Courage

SPECIAL TEAMS





KEY RESERVES



Herrington